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JAMES SKENE DIES AFTER BRIEF ILLNESS

WELL KNOWN CONTRACTOR THE VICTIM OF AN ATTACK OF PNEUMONIA.

Mr. James Skene died in North Carolina last Saturday night of pneumonia. He was ill only a short time and his death came as a great shock to his family and friends. The body was returned to his home at Huntington and interment was made Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Skene was well known in Louisa, having lived here two or three years during the construction of the lock and dam at Chapman, eight miles south of Louisa. He and his sons were the contractors on that job. Mr. Skene was a gentleman of high character. He was a native of Scotland, but had been a citizen of the United States since his early manhood. Mrs. Skene, who survives her husband, was a pretty Scotch lassie when she crossed the ocean to consummate the betrothal made before Mr. Skene left old Scotland. During all these years those worthy people have made many friends in the numerous places they have lived. Mr. Skene was a contractor and knew the construction business thoroughly. Although 74 years of age he was quite active up to the day of his last illness and was in charge of construction work at the time.

Three sons and two daughters survive their father. One son is George, who married a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bromley, of this place. He and his family were here for the holidays when the sad news of the father's death arrived. Frank Skene is in New York, A. I. is in New Orleans, and Miss Ellen is with her mother in Huntington.

YOUTH KILLS HIMSELF WHILE OUT HUNTING.

West Liberty, Ky., Dec. 26.—Lee Patton, son of George Patton, of this county, while out hunting yesterday, accidentally shot himself in the stomach, from which he died within thirty minutes. He was 14 years old.

DEATH OF E. K. LANGHORNE.

Just as the NEWS was going to press a telegram was received by Mrs. E. Keene Langhorne stating the death of her husband, Wednesday evening at Birmingham, Ala. Mrs. Langhorne and two brothers, Drs. J. H. and J. F. Reynolds have gone to Richmond, Va., where the body of Mr. Langhorne will be taken for interment.

Mr. J. W. Yates was in a critical condition last week as the result of carbuncles on his back, but we are glad to say that he is now considerably improved. Mr. Yates will be 39 years old at his next birthday.

ONE WORD INVALIDATES DEED.

Failure to change a word in a deed invalidated a sale of land to John W. Scott in Pike-co. made more than ten years ago. The Court of appeals decided Scott did not have a title to the land.

Crit Scott decided a tract of land in Pike-co. "to Pricy Scott and her bodily heirs by Crit Scott." At the time of this conveyance Crit Scott was threatened with a suit for alleged slander, and its purpose was to remove and, and its purpose was to remove from his possession any property subject to execution. After the time passed for the slander suit the words "to Pricy Scott and her bodily heirs by Crit Scott" were inserted in their place. The person making the change in the deed failed, however, to correct the other wording of the deed, which provided that the property should go to the wife and then to "her" heirs.

The children of Pricy Scott sued for this property after their father and mother had sold it to John W. Scott, and the Court to-day held that they were entitled to recover the property.

The proceedings of the Court for to-day were the following:

WAYNE COUNTY OFFICERS.

It is now "Squire" Jesse H. McKinister, of Fort Gay. Likewise, Squire E. Boye. These two gentlemen were elected in November and have qualified to enter upon the duties of Magistrate next Monday in the district just across the river from this place. Frank Bartram will be one of the constables. Edgar Dean, the other constable-elect, has not yet given bond, but will doubtless do so before Monday. All these men are Democrats except Bartram. Our own Jesse McKinister, who moved west from this county a few years ago, was elected by the largest majority polled by any candidate in his district.

WM. BELCHER WINS PRIZE.

W. T. Belcher, foreman of the C. & O. railroad section just above Louisa, has been awarded a prize of \$50.00 for having the best kept section of track in the Paintsville district. Will is a sober, honest, industrious man and the fact that he has won this prize is indisputable evidence of his efficiency.

DR. DAN FORTUNE.

Dr. Dan Fortune, who has been in New Orleans for the past four years, arrived here yesterday with his wife, who will be remembered as Miss Belle Brothier, one of our school teachers, to spend the holidays with relatives here and at Grayson.—Independent.

BROWN-FALKNER WEDDING OCCURS AT CATLETTSBURG.

At eight o'clock last evening at the home of Mrs. Mary Lackey-Brown, Miss Florence Hampton-Brown became the bride of city school superintendent Prof. J. Olin Faulkner, the ceremony being performed by Dr. W. C. Condit, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Ashland. Only the close relatives of the bride witnessed the ceremony, the wedding being a very quiet one. Miss Anna Cecil presided at the piano while the beautiful ring ceremony of the Presbyterian church was performed by the officiating minister.

The bride, who is a decided brunette, was attired in a brown traveling suit, trimmed in Hudson seal, and with hat to match. She wore a large corsage bouquet of violets.

After the marriage ceremony an elegant supper was served to the bridal couple and the few guests, who were present. At ten o'clock Prof. and Mrs. Faulkner motored to Ashland, where they boarded No. 4 at one o'clock a. m. for the East. Some time will be spent by them at the home of the groom at Winchester, Va., after which they will visit several of the larger eastern cities, ere returning to Catlettsburg.

Mrs. Faulkner is the youngest daughter of the late Thomas R. Brown, who was one of Catlettsburg's prominent attorneys and foremost citizens. She was educated at Hollins Institute, Virginia, and is a young lady of many accomplishments and great beauty. She is quite vivacious and her charming personality and winsome manners have won for her scores of friends in the city of her birth, as well as elsewhere. Prof. Faulkner is a native of the historic old city of Winchester, Va., and was graduated with high honors from the Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va. He has been the successful superintendent of the Catlettsburg city schools for the past three years. He is a son of one of the oldest and best known families in Northern Virginia.

Prof. Faulkner and bride will return early in the new year and will reside here indefinitely.—Independent.

MASONS ELECT AND INSTALL OFFICERS.

Apperson Lodge No. 195, A. F. & A. M., of Louisa, elected and installed the following officers Wednesday night for the ensuing year:

A. M. Hughes, W. M.; Mike Conley, S. W.; Jesse R. Roberts, J. W.; C. C. Hill, S. D.; John P. Gartin, J. D.; Augustus Snyder, Treas.; B. J. Calloway, Sec.; T. J. Branham, Tyler; Robt. Dixon, Augustus Snyder and T. J. Branham, trustees.

PROHIBITION VOTE IN CONGRESS.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Immediately after the holidays advocates of prohibition in Congress to carry on a vigorous campaign for the proposed Federal constitutional amendment, and to exert every possible effort to get a vote on it at this session in spite of the general belief that it will be beaten. The Senate Judiciary Committee's action in voting to report the amendment with a recommendation for its passage opened the way for the resolution in both houses, the House Judiciary Committee having taken similar action two weeks ago.

In the House it is proposed to appeal soon after the Christmas recess to the Rules Committee for a special rule to bring the resolution before the House for a vote—within a prescribed time. Champions of the resolution in the Senate can resort to no such parliamentary expedients, and must take their getting the amendment ahead of other legislation. Senator Sheppard, author of the Senate resolution, will urge its consideration at every opportunity.

The Senate committee amended the wording of the resolution, but its effect is unchanged and would prohibit the manufacture, importation and sale of liquor for beverage purposes in the United States.

CASH LOST IN FIRE.

Ashland, Ky., Dec. 22.—When the department store of Rothchild & Nathan burned to the ground Tuesday morning, \$400 was burned up, but in the debris to-day was found twenty-three silver dollars and five dollars in gold. The paper money was found, but it was badly charred and fell to pieces.

SERIOUSLY WOUNDED.

Olive Hill, Ky., Dec. 26.—Earl Rose, merchant, brother of Dr. J. M. Rose, County Coroner, was shot and probably fatally injured by Gus Carter Saturday night. Carter shot five times at Rose, three bullets taking effect, one in the head and another near the heart. They had quarreled previously.

BIG BOND ISSUE FOR McDOWELL.

What is said to be largest bond issue ever proposed in the state of West Va. by any single county, is the proposed issue of \$1,400,000 of bonds in McDowell county for the permanent improvement of the county roads.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

We hope those who have not responded to the statements sent them for subscription, in conformity to our new plan of cash-in-advance, will find it convenient to do so by the last of next week, as we must close the matter very soon.

Mrs. John M. Moore has returned from Charley, having been called there by the severe illness of her father, L. C. Hays. His condition is now much improved.

Cecil Peters, formerly of Louisa, is sick with typhoid fever at Williamson. His mother, Mrs. C. B. Peters, left Wednesday for his bedside.

INDEPENDENTS HOLD BALANCE OF POWER IN CONGRESS.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Revised figures on returns of the last election show definitely that neither Democrats nor Republicans will have a majority of the next house, necessary to elect a speaker, and that a handful of independents will determine which side will control the organization.

Conceding seats to candidates in possession of certificates of election because they are certain to participate in the organization of the house, the personal non-stand: Republicans, 214; Democrats, 213; Independents, 2; Progressives, 2; Prohibitionists, 1; Socialist, 1; contested, 2. A majority is 218, hence should either Democrats or Republicans win both of the contests they still would be short of a majority.

All of the independents are maintaining strict silence regarding their attitude on the speakership but the Democratic and Republican leaders are agreed on how most of them will vote, provided caucuses are held and solidarity maintained by the two old parties.

McDOWELL TO LET ROAD CONTRACTS FEBRUARY 12TH.

McDowell promises to lead all other West Virginia counties in the construction of permanent highways in 1917. The county court will next February 12 let contracts for the construction of seventeen miles of highway. In all the county will construct roads to the value of \$1,400,000, and a greater part of the work will be done during the next year. Bids will be received for brick, concrete and other materials used in road building. The proposed seventeen miles will be uniformly sixteen feet in width.—Williamson News.

LAWRENCE COUNTY MAN KILLED AT COLUMBUS.

Frank Perry, of Jattie, this county, was killed at Columbus, Ohio, last Friday. His body was shipped to his home for burial. He was about forty years old and leaves a large family. We have not learned the particulars of his death.

OUR HOLIDAY HALF SHEET.

THE NEWS is taking a semi-holiday by issuing only four pages instead of eight in this Christmas week. Our subscribers have already received four issues in December, but we are following our custom of issuing a paper every Friday.

We take this occasion to thank our friends and patrons for their support.

The price of the printing paper we are using now has reached \$160.00 per ton, as against \$45 a year ago. We will soon have our entire subscription list upon a cash-in-advance basis, which helps considerably in meeting the extra burdens placed upon newspapers by the grafting manufacturers. They have all the business they desire and this removes competition entirely. This explains why they can raise prices. No paper can be imported while the war continues.

The NEWS will meet changing conditions as they arise, to the best of its ability, and will be found doing business at the old stand.

BOOZE FIGHTING.

For the married man who thinks he cannot get along without drink, the following is suggested as a means of freedom from bondage to the saloon:

Start a saloon in your own home. Be the only customer (you'll have no license to pay.) Give your wife two dollars extra to buy a gallon of whiskey, and remember there are sixty-nine drinks in a gallon. Buy your drinks from no one but your wife and by the time the first gallon is gone she will have four dollars and fifty cents to put into the bank and two dollars to start business again. (She can throw in some drinks on the house.) Should you live ten years and continue to buy booze from her, and then die with snakes in your boots, she will have enough money to bury you decently, educate your children, buy a house and lot, marry a decent man, and quit thinking about you entirely.

NEW COAL OPERATION.

The Solway Collieries company of Kingston, W. Va., have made arrangements to start up a big coal operation near Toler, on the Pond creek branch of the N. & W. right away. They are now almost ready to advertise for contracts to build the sidings necessary for the new enterprise. The property is in Pike county.

Preparations to start the mines are being pushed.—Williamson Daily News.

MISS GLADYS AUXIER DIES.

Miss Gladys Auxier, aged seventeen years, who was recently brought to the King's Daughters' hospital from her home at Auxier, suffering from peritonitis, died Sunday morning. The remains were sent back to Auxier Sunday for interment. The deceased was an orphan.—Ashland Independent.

BOY KILLED AT CANNEL CITY.

West Liberty, Ky., Dec. 26.—Gardner Elam, 13 years old, killed Cephus Holland, 11 years old, at Cannel City, this county. Holland was stabbed through the heart and died within ten minutes. The trouble started with a quarrel over firecrackers.

NEWS AND POST \$3.50.

The Cincinnati Post has advanced its clubbing rate and now the daily Post and Big Sandy News can be had for \$3.50 per year.

HAS TYPHOID.

Lucille Hays' many Louisa friends will be pained to hear that she has typhoid fever at her home in Williamson. We hope to hear of her early recovery.

GERMANY PROPOSES MEETING OF POWERS

PERMANENT PEACE PROPOSITION TO COME AFTERWARD, HOWEVER.

The German Government, in its reply to President Wilson's recent note to the European belligerents, proposes an immediate conference of all the warring nations to discuss peace terms.

The task of preventing future wars, the official statement says, can be begun only after the end of the present struggle. This point will probably be the greatest barrier to a peace agreement.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Germany's reply to President Wilson's note is regarded here as having advanced the peace movement another step despite the fact that it disappoints in not meeting his suggestion for an avowal of terms.

The reception of Germany's reply received among the entente allies, whose statesmen have publicly declared against such a program, now becomes the point upon which a further move is hinged. The German note is probably the prelude of a series of carefully considered delicate moves in the great game of world diplomacy, all possibly leading to an approach for a real discussion of peace terms on grounds which all the belligerents may feel can place them to no disadvantage.

Neutral diplomatic quarters, too, regarded the note as a step toward peace, and farther leaned to the view that Germany might follow it with a confidential communication of some sort outlining her terms.

Note Not Full Reply.

The view of the entente allied embassies, frankly expressed was that the note was not an answer to President Wilson's communication but rather a document for circulation in Germany and in neutral countries with the object of moulding opinion to place the responsibility for continuing the war on the entente.

Among the Germanic diplomats the only view expressed was one of surprise that the reply had preceded receipt of the entente's response to Germany's original peace proposal of December 12.

It was everywhere agreed that the principal striking point was the lack of a definite statement of terms such as President Wilson asked and such would require if they were not to put their heads in a noose with the rope end in the hands of the Germans. It is not beyond the realm of diplomacy, however, to find a way to bridge that difficulty, and Germany's failure is not regarded as a block to the negotiations although it makes them exceedingly difficult.

Germany's declaration that she regards the work of securing the world against future wars as a work to be taken up after the present conflict is ended was regarded with a diversity of opinion.

Not Out of Harmony.

Officials who turned back and compared the statement with the phrases of President Wilson's note did not find the two out of harmony nor in disagreement with the President's public utterances on a world league to preserve peace; yet there was an indefinite opinion abroad in official quarters that the ending of the war and the safeguarding of the future were problems so inseparable that one depended on the other. Those taking this view referred to Lloyd-George's declaration that the Allies would consider it possible to enter a conference only if Germany would first openly offer "reparation, restitution and guarantees."

The German reply is regarded as not only failing to do this, but its suggestion that the work be left for the future, it is feared, may raise a difficult obstacle for the allied statesmen to surmount with their own people to whom an absolutely durable peace has been held out as one of the main justifications of the war. It also has been shelved by the allied statesmen with the terms which would end the conflict.

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Hogs: Receipts, 45,000; easy at 10c to 15c above Saturday's average; bulk, \$10.00@10.45; lights, \$9.60@10.35; mixed, \$9.90@10.55; heavy, \$10.00@10.60; roughs, 10.00@10.15; pigs, 7.50@9.20.

Cattle: Receipts, 15,000; strong; native beef cattle, 7.50@11.50; western steers, 7.25@10.00; stockers and feeders, 5.20@8.15; cows and heifers, 4.20@10.00; calves, 8.50@12.00.

Sheep: Receipts, 15,000; steady; wethers, 9.00@10.00; ewes, 6.25@9.65; lambs, 11.25@13.40.

PEACH ORCHARD MINES.

The old Peach Orchard Coal company property has been leased and will be put into operation again without delay. The high price of coal will enable the operator to make a profit on this plant. The quality of coal is good.

James H. Hatcher has purchased a house and lot opposite Dr. Burgess' residence, and will occupy it. He bought it from George Stephens, of Floyd-co. Jim is an industrious young man, an expert in his line of work and he receives good wages as a result of these facts.

Hiram Bloss was struck by an automobile in Huntington a few days ago and painfully injured. He is not believed to be dangerously hurt.

EXPLOSION IN A BOARDING HOUSE AT ASHLAND.

Ashland, Ky., Dec. 22.—Twenty boarders and Mrs. Charles Kelley, the landlady of a hotel near the open hearth furnace being constructed below Ashland, were blown away from their supper table this evening when a plumber with a lighted match found the gas leak.

The blast that resulted blew out one end of the structure, shattered all the windows and tore many doors off the hinges. Mrs. Kelley and one of the boarders were blown up as far as the ceiling, and both seriously injured. The rest of the diners ricocheted across the floor and furniture until they hit the walls. Doctors from Ashland cared for the wounds of the injured. The damage is estimated at \$5,000.

ACCIDENTALLY WOUNDS FRIEND WHILE DRINKING.

Ashland, Ky., Dec. 23.—Roy Tosh, 18 years old, the support of a widowed mother, was accidentally shot. It is alleged, by William Kazee. Tosh was working at Norton Iron Works and was resting between shifts. The ball penetrated the abdomen and there is little hope of his recovery. Kazee is in the city jail and says he must have shot the boy, but he knew nothing of it. He says he heard Tosh cry, "I am shot." Kazee, who says he was drinking, is 30 years old and unmarried.

MAYO-TAYLOR.

On Wednesday evening, Dec. 20, 1916, at the Grassland parsonage, M. E. Church South in Boyd-co., Miss Myrtle Mayo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis P. Mayo, of Naples, was married to Mr. R. W. Taylor, who also resides at Naples, but who will leave with his bride in a few days for Augusta, Kans., where he has a valuable oil holding and where they will probably reside.

The bride, a native of Floyd-co., is a young lady of rare beauty and culture, and was one of Boyd county's best teachers.

The groom is a gentleman in the truest sense and an excellent citizen. Augusta should be proud that Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Taylor have chosen that place for their home.

LAST OF SUSPECTS IN NET.

Huntington, W. Va., December 18.—Postal authorities here believe H. Grady Webb, the last of a quartet of suspects for whom Federal officers have been searching since the robbery of a Baltimore and Ohio train near Central, W. Va., October 8, 1915, is under arrest at Kenova, W. Va., near here. The prisoner gave his name as Paul Shannon. This was the big robbery in which \$150,000 of new unsigned currency was stolen.

DISMISSED FOR DRUNKENNESS.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Lieut. Benton T. Blanton, of the Second Kentucky National Guard, was found guilty by a general court martial which convened at El Paso, Tex., December 8, and dismissed from the service after the finding of the trial board had been approved by the President.

The charge against the Kentuckian was that he had violated the thirty-eighth article of war in that he was found drunk at the formation of his company for reveille while on a practice march October 3.

MARRIAGE AT PAINTSVILLE.

Married, on Christmas night, Miss Margaret Auxier to Mr. Clarence Hager. The wedding was a secret affair. It soon became known, however. The couple left Tuesday morning for Detroit, Mich., where Mr. Hager has been employed for several months by an automobile company. The bride is a young lady of fine character and very popular in Paintsville. She is a daughter of Mr. Jas. W. Auxier, the successful wholesale grocer. The groom is a son of Hon. Milt Hager. He is doing well in Detroit and has the ability to win success anywhere.

DEMOCRATS IN MINGO.

Only a few days more and the Democratic officers in Mingo county will take the helm of local public affairs. This will be a great revolution in the political affairs of the county and with the excellent administration in control we look for improvement in our local government. These new officers will be sworn into office on the 28th instant.—Williamson News.

CHANGING LOCATIONS.

The Louisa Water company has moved its office into the building recently vacated by George Atkins' restaurant, between Lear's store and the Louisa Grocery company. Blankenship & Queen will move their meat market and grocery store into the building vacated by the Water company.

WATCHNIGHT SERVICES.

The two Methodist churches will hold a union watch-night service at the M. E. Church next Sunday night, starting at ten o'clock and closing after 1917 takes hold of the universe.

EVANGELISTIC SERVICES.

On next Sunday Rev. Boetwick of the M. E. Church, will begin the evangelistic services which have heretofore been announced. Everybody is invited to these services.

SERVICES IN THE VALLEY.

On Sunday, December 31, at 2 o'clock Rev. L. M. Copley will preach a New Year's sermon in the Valley school house. All are cordially invited to be present.

M. E. Haywood, who has been with Mims & Co. for quite a long time, will be on the road next year for a Huntington hardware firm.

APPELLATE COURT DECISION IN FLOYD COUNTY CASE.

C. & O. R. Co. vs. Harmon's Admr.—Decided December 15, 1916. Appeal from Floyd Circuit Court. Opinion of the court by Judge Hurt, reversing.

First—Master and Servant—One Riding Upon Engine to Learn Duties of Fireman.—One who has been granted the privilege by a railway carrier engaged in interstate commerce to ride upon the engine as to learn the duties of a fireman is an employee of the carrier within the meaning of the Federal employer's liability act while he is engaged in performing duties, although he may abandon his employment at any time.

Second—Same.—Before one becomes an employee of a railway carrier the relation of master and servant must exist.

Third—Same.—The relation of master and servant is based upon a contract either express or implied.

Fourth—Same.—The Federal employer's liability act deals only with the liability of a carrier engaged in interstate commerce for injuries sustained by employees while engaged in such commerce. The duty to furnish the employee a safe place to work does not extend to a servant when he is not acting in the scope of his employment.

PRESIDENT PARDONS HALL ROSS, OF HUNTINGTON.

Washington, December 23.—President Wilson to-day gave Christmas pardons to two Federal prisoners and directed the Department of Justice to expedite the release so they might spend Monday with their families. In the ordinary course of procedure the case would not have been acted upon for several weeks.

A word picture of three small children, whose mother had died while the husband and father was in prison, the President to order the release of Hall Ross, of Guyandotte, W. Va.; found to be guilty of engaging in the retail liquor business without paying a tax and sentenced to three months in jail.

VERDICT OF \$5000 DAMAGES FOR A LOUISA MAN.

L. A. Marcum, of this place, secured a verdict for \$5000 damages in United States Court at Catlettsburg a few days ago. The defendant in the case is the Consolidation Coal company. Marcum was injured by a rock falling on him in mine No. 4 at Van Lear in April 1914. The attorneys for the plaintiff were W. T. Cain, F. M. Vinson, John S. Osborn and John W. Woods. Attorneys for the defense were Judge E. C. O'Rear and M. C. Kirk.

ONE PRIZE COMES TO MISS EDITH MARCUM.

In the Ashland Independent's popularity contest Miss Edith Marcum, of Louisa, won the second prize for the district out of Ashland. It is a \$75 Pathe Pathephone. The two automobiles were awarded to Ashland people, Miss Mary Hilton and Rev. W. J. H. Knapp.

RENEWED OIL ACTIVITY.

Campton, Ky., Dec. 17.—The oil business in this field, which has been quiet for the last two years, has opened up again with renewed activity, and it is claimed by oil producers that the developments will be larger than it was several years ago, when it was reported to be the best field in the State.

The Cumberland Pipe Line company has completed two pipe lines from this place to the Estill oil fields, and one line from here to the Licking River, and they are now preparing to lay another line from here to Estill county and another from here to the Licking River. This point is also the main station of the line for the pumping of oil in the State. The large station at this place was unable to take care of the output and the company is just now completing a new station which will be ready in about one week. When completed both stations will employ about fifty men. The Beckett-Iseman Oil & Gas company has two locations made on the Van Cleave lease and one on the Smith lease. The Ohio Oil company has three wells on the Hobbs lease. All of these wells will be commenced within the next ten days.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Clyde Welch, 23, to Fannie Thornhill, 22, of Louisa.

Sam Derfield, 33, to Lena R. Bishop, 21, of Irad.

Webb Holt, 38, to Gypsie Thompson, 25, of Busseyville.

Fred Thompson, 26, to Demonzie Wilson, 18, of Catt.

Rufus Mullins, 23, to Esther Holbrook, 18.

Dexter Wooten, 21, to Rosa Scarberry, 15.

Louise Ward, 23, to Erle Kitchen, 20.

The house party to be given by Dr. and Mrs. Fetter at Paintsville will begin on the 28th and last ten days. A party of 18, mostly Portsmouth people went to Paintsville Thursday of this week.

A. L. Martin, whose fine home on Beaver was destroyed by fire recently, was here for the holidays with his family. The origin of the fire is unknown. It was probably the work of an incendiary.

The Christmas trees at the various churches were laden with an unusual amount of gifts for the little folks, and at each place the event was a happy one.

Santa did not fail Mr. and Mrs. Walter Carr, but presented them with a baby boy on Christmas morn.